

PRAEGER'S BOTANIST IN IRELAND.—No more readable and elucidating works on floristic botany have been available than the books and articles of Robert Lloyd Praeger. Now the series is continued and enriched by *The Botanist in Ireland*.¹ Beautifully printed and with abundant photographs of characteristic and botanically significant habitats and with many colored and detailed maps, the book sets a standard difficult to excel. The first sentence of the Preface, "IRELAND is a pleasant country for the botanist," gives the key-note; and as one peruses the pages and studies the lists of typical species, the pictures and the maps, he is inclined to add, "also an intensely interesting country." In a brief notice details can hardly be given. Geological history, topography, climate and all the physical and chemical features of the region which can have an influence on the flora are well discussed; the specially interesting or rare plants of Ireland (including *Potentilla fruticosa*, *Veronica peregrina*, *Utricularia intermedia*, *Sisyrinchium angustifolium*, *Juncus macer* (*J. tenuis* of authors), *Najas flexilis*, *Eriocaulon septangulare*, *Scirpus nanus* and *Rynchospora fusca*) are given particular attention; and the Island and its vegetation is then dissected into small and natural areas under which the local floras are more fully presented. That the flora is not strictly European nor made up only of specialties like those noted above is apparent when it is found that more than 600 of the species are also in our flora of the northeastern United States. Every botanist who is interested in seeing something outside his own local haunts will want the book; then he will want to visit Ireland.—M. L. F.

LISTERA AUSTRALIS ON LONG ISLAND.—This small orchid is of wide distribution in the southern states, extending northward to southern New Jersey, and then reappearing in northern New York from Cayuga to St. Lawrence Counties (Metcalf & Griscom, RHODORA xix. 52 (1917)), and is also known from Ottawa, Canada (House, Bull. N. Y. State Mus. 167. 26 (1913)). Its sole New England station is the one discovered by Mr. Horsford in Vermont (RHODORA xxiv. 187 (1922)). Mr. Edward A. Behr and the writer found a dozen plants of this species flowering in leaf mold in a tupelo and *Liriodendron* swamp at Manorville on May 30, 1931. Specimens are in the Gray Herbarium and the herbarium of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.—H. K. SVENSON, Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

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